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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s) : Masaki HIGURASHI et al

Serial No. : 08/964,180

Filed : November 4, 1997

For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS
FOR JOINING A PLURALITY OF
IMAGES

Art Unit : 2612

Examiner : L. Nguyen

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION
FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER
37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

S I R :

Applicants hereby petition to revive the above-identified application. The application was abandoned unintentionally.

1. This application became abandoned on December 3, 2001.

2. This application became abandoned because the failure to prosecute was an unintentional delay. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date until the filing of this petition was unintentional.

3. A response is attached. The response is the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) and Amendment.

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4. The \$1,280.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(m) is submitted herewith.

If any additional fees are required, authorization is given to charge same against Account No. 06-1378.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Revival of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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